1. The Review of the Organ and Tissue Donation Procedures Select Committee (Committee) of the Queensland Parliament was convened to investigate whether presumed consent should be introduced and whether there are other options that should be considered to improve organ and tissue donation rates in Queensland.
2. The Report of the Committee was published on 28 October 2008. It does not support Queensland adopting a presumed consent (‘opt-out’) consent process. The Committee has made 24 recommendations across key areas for consideration and implementation including:
* identifying all potential organ and tissue donors;
* reinforcing donor consent and strengthening donor registration;
* improving current consent processes;
* a coordinated organ and tissue donation system;
* a measurement framework for organ and tissue donation that improves accountability; and
* community education.
1. The Australian Organ Donation and Transplantation Authority was enacted on 1 January 2009, to implement the Commonwealth Government’s *World’s Best Practice National Reform Package for Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation*. The Department of Health has actively contributed in the development of this package and is working with the national Authority to implement the reforms.
2. Cabinet noted the recommendations of *Organ and Tissue Donation: Report of the Review of Organ and Tissue Donation Procedures Select Committee.*
3. Cabinet noted that the Acting Minister for Health tabled an interim response to the Report.
4. Cabinet endorsed the proposed Government response to the Organ and Tissue Donation: Report of the Review of Organ and Tissue Donation Procedures Select Committee.
5. *Attachments*
* [Government Response to the Select Committee Report on Organ and Tissue Donation](Attachments/Govt%20Response%20to%20report%20on%20organ%20and%20tissue%20donation.pdf)